

Funding IGA – Draft

Issues:

1. Huge unmet needs (improve and maintain), disparity between resources and the needs, and a public that doesn't believe there is a problem.
2. Current funding formula based on the first half of the 20th century is not adequate for our 21st century transportation needs.
3. Seem to be stuck as a state in terms of viewing our options for funding -- strictly along the line of gas tax.
4. People don't realize how little they contribute to maintaining and improving their transportation system. (15,000 miles annually driven at 20 miles per gallon = 750 gallons of gas, which is less than \$150 annually. \$150 buys 3 square yards in pavement)
5. We have an inherent conflict, fostered by the current transportation funding structure, between stakeholders (roads vs. transit; state vs. county; city vs. city, etc.).
6. Lack of political will to increase funding.
7. An unwillingness to demand more accountability on the part of transportation providers. People won't pay more for the same system they have now.
8. Lack of understanding that transportation stakeholders and providers are all going to have to cooperate, exert themselves, and make some sacrifices to solve the transportation problems.
9. When new business comes to town, everyone gets a part of that except transportation. Current funding, there is no land use fee. Everyone else gets benefit of a new business except the transportation system.

Goals:

1. Contain costs and increase revenue with combination of solutions.
2. Create bipartisan and citizen support for increased transportation funding.
3. Evaluate governmental roles and responsibilities to better reflect and respond to transportation funding needs.
4. Have owners and providers of the transportation system work together to identify common goals and reduce conflict between and among groups.